sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two Members from among the Members of the House, to be the Members of the National Shipping Board *w.e.f.* the date of its re-constitution due on 10.9.2005:.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL WELFARE BOARD FOR SEAFARERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (i) of Rule 4 of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963 (as amended) read with Rules 3 and 5 framed under sub-section (2) of Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House, to be a member of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

The State of Agriculture, Poverty and Unemployment in the country in the Light of Mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan—Contd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How much time would you require, Mr. Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): Sir, I would take as little time as possible. Let me say, ten minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that!